

House Resolution No. 319

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Edward "Ebbie" Dunn, who passed to his eternal reward on January 10, 2002; and

Whereas, Ebbie Dunn grew up in St. Luke's parish in Richmond Heights in an athletic environment influenced by his mother, Maurie Dunn, and his father, Jimmy Dunn, who was the first St. Louisan to be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, a graduate of Christian Brothers College High School where he played football and baseball, Ebbie Dunn attended Saint Louis University and played in the Saint Louis Professional Soccer League in 1951 and 1952 before beginning a successful career as a math teacher and soccer coach for the Junior Billikens that would span an incredible thirty-eight years; and

Whereas, under Coach Dunn's leadership, the Junior Billikens won the state soccer championship for the first time in SLUH history in 1973 and again in 1990 before his retirement in 1993 with a record of 592-197-104; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the 1979 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National High School Coach of the Year Award-Soccer who was inducted into the Greater St. Louis Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1991 and the National Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York, in 1993, Ebbie Dunn was exceedingly proud of the two national soccer records he set in 1991, one for the most wins at one high school and one for the most wins of any high school soccer coach at one school; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Director of the MSHSAA Girls State Soccer Tournament for many years who assisted at the annual Special Olympics in Soccer, Coach Dunn volunteered as a tutor at Children's Hospital and served as a substitute teacher at St. Louis University High School following his retirement; and

Whereas, Ebbie Dunn leaves behind to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Eva; his five children, Ebby Dunn, Maureen Dunn, Colleen Sollenberger, Rose Fredericksen, and Kerry Curran; his brother, James Dunn; his two sisters, Kathleen Chamblin and Rosie McGuire; and his five grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Ebbie Dunn, a loving husband, proud father and grandfather, remarkable educator, and stellar soccer coach who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving him; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the widow and children of the late Edward "Ebbie" Dunn, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
Representative Derio Gambaro
District No. 65

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 319, adopted February 18, 2002.

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